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**PROPOSITION 46 UPDATE:  
CALIFORNIANS' SUPPORT HELPS CREATE 100,000 HOMES  
OR EMERGENCY SHELTER UNITS**

SACRAMENTO, September 13, 2006 – Proposition 46 was approved by voters three and a half years ago to help address California's housing needs. Since then, money from the Proposition has helped create or preserve 100,000 housing units and emergency shelter beds, state housing agencies reported today. Proposition 46 is the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2002 and provides \$2.1 billion in funding.

The bond provides money for a variety of housing programs for California families, including the construction, rehabilitation and preservation of affordable rental housing and homeless facilities and funding for down payment assistance to low and moderate income first-time homebuyers.

To date, more than \$1.5 billion has been awarded. The remaining dollars associated with the bond are expected to be allocated over the next 14 to 16 months.

About 60,000 of the units received direct funding from the proposition bonds through loans, grants or down payment assistance while the other 40,000 units were associated with incentives for local governments to create more housing opportunities.

The state of California Business, Transportation & Housing Agency, Department of Housing and Community Development and the California Housing Finance Agency released the update today and said about 75 percent of the funds from the bond have been committed to date.

"By supporting Proposition 46, Californians helped create or preserve tens of thousands of rental housing units and room for thousands in homeless shelters or other emergency housing," said Lynn Jacobs, Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development. "Proposition 46 has made a significant difference in the lives of many Californians most in need of housing assistance."

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Some 25,000 California families have been able to purchase their first home with low interest down payment assistance available because of Proposition 46 funding.

“Proposition 46 opened the door to homeownership for thousands of California families,” said Theresa Parker, Executive Director of the California Housing Finance Agency. “Through down payment assistance and special programs for educators, Californians have helped make the dream of homeownership a reality for so many low and moderate income families.”

Some accomplishments of Proposition 46 funding so far include:

- Over \$800 million in financing for multifamily housing, providing for the construction of more than 16,000 units of rental housing.
- About \$300 million to help 25,000 low and moderate-income families purchase their first homes with down payment or other assistance.
- More than 1,000 school employees in high priority schools received up to \$15,000 each in down payment assistance to purchase their first homes.
- Funding for nearly 5,000 units of farm worker housing in rural California communities.
- The construction of homeless shelters that can serve more than 10,000 people each night.
- The coordination of agencies as part of the Governor’s Homelessness Initiative.
- \$70 million in awards to local governments that created nearly 40,000 housing units through proactive steps to promote affordable workforce and other housing.

“While some of the programs have some money left, we anticipate that most of the Proposition 46 funding will be exhausted within a year,” said Jacobs. More information about Proposition 46 programs is available at [www.hcd.ca.gov](http://www.hcd.ca.gov) and [www.calhfa.ca.gov](http://www.calhfa.ca.gov).

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